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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Cecil TIGHE  
OS/SRS  
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SUBJECT : Request for Information

1. Request information on the following individuals who are involved in the Garrison Investigation of the Assassination of President Kennedy:

- a. Jim BISHOP
- b. Wayne COOK
- c. James Herbert MARTIN
- d. Benjamin SONNENBERG
- e. Edgar B. STERN and wife
- f. William WOOD

2. Jim BISHOP

a. A Jim BISHOP was the author of a three-part article on Jim Garrison which appeared in the Seattle, Washington Post-Intelligencer.

b. RID/INDEX references to OS files: James Francis BISHOP, DPOB: 14 March 1937, Chicago, Illinois (OS# - 197469); James Howard BISHOP, DPOB: 3 January 1937, Galloway, Ohio; James Clarence BISHOP (OS# - 57262).

Are any of these three identifiable with the newspaperman?

3. Wayne COOK

a. Leslie Norman BRADLEY claimed that he flew from Wichita, Kansas to New Orleans on 23 November 1963 with a pilot named Wayne COOK. In March 1968 COOK was attending pilot-training classes for Pan American Airways at San Mateo, California (FBI report).

b. RID/INDEX references to OS files:  
Wayne Barner COOK, DPOB: 22 August 1937,  
Fresno, California (OS# - 235139)

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Wayne Augustus COOK, DPOB: 22 April 1932,  
Kingman, Arizona (OS# - 389652)

Is either of these men identifiable with the pilot.

4. James Herbert MARTIN

a. James Herbert MARTIN, a motel manager in Dallas, Texas became the "business manager" of Marina OSWALD after the assassination. MARTIN had lived in Dallas since 1956. (Warren Commission Report)

b. RID/INDEX reference to OS files.  
James MARTIN, cit USA?, location: Los Angeles  
James H. MARTIN, CSC list 1-30-43, p-128

5. Benjamin SONNENBERG

a. On the acknowledgment page of his book Rush to Judgement Mark LANE states: "I am deeply indebted to Benjamin SONNENBERG, Jr. whose numerous and invaluable suggestions have found their way into this volume."

b. RID traces indicate that a Benjamin SONNENBERG was President of the Public Relations Council in New York City in 1952 and later President of Publicity Consultants Incorporated. One FBI report indicates that in 1938 Alfred K. STERN guaranteed a bank loan made to SONNENBERG.

c. CI/OA records indicate a Covert Security Approval was granted 1 July 1959 to permit contact with SONNENBERG in connection with Project QKENCHANT. (OS# - 201119)

✓ 6. Edgar B. STERN and wife

a. According to Jack N. ROGERS, the committee counsel for the Joint Legislative Committee on Un-American Activities of the State of Louisiana, Jim Garrison has been receiving "contributions and monetary support" from Mrs. Edgar B. STERN.

b. RID traces indicate that Mrs. Edgar B. STERN Sr. of New Orleans is a daughter of Julius ROSENWALD. This would make her a sister-in-law of Alfred K. STERN. Edgar Bloom STERN Jr. is apparently a New Orleans TV station owner.

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c. CI/OA records indicate that Edgar Bloom STERN Sr. was granted a Covert Security Clearance on 19 January 1953 to permit his use as a donor for project LPCOIN.

7. William WOOD (aka William BOXLEY)

a. A Bill WOOD is alleged to have been conducting investigations in Dallas for Jim Garrison. He has used the alias Bill BOXLEY. He is possibly identical with William Clarence WOOD Jr. who allegedly had resigned from the Agency because of a "drinking problem" (DCS report, HOU-80-68, 26 April 1968, our copy indicates you received a copy)

b. According to other information we have, a William WOOD of Waco, Texas was the Office of Personnel recruiter who covered the New Orleans area in 1963. Is there any connection?

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